

DIARY NOTESExecutive Director-Comptroller *AW*

26 October 1965

1. The Director buzzed me and said that he felt Bud Wheelon was not proceeding fast enough with his "reorganization." He asked me to have a talk with Bud to see if I couldn't get this moving. (I did this in the course of the day. Bud said that the only reorganization he knew about was the research and development problem and he gave me a draft paper he had prepared which proposed a new charter for research, development, and engineering. He was anxious that this not be floated as his paper until we had had a chance to discuss it further. I assured him that I would hold it closely and that we would talk about it again within a few days. On 28 October I chatted with the Director about this again. While I believe he does not wish to go as far as Bud's paper would advocate, he was insistent that some of Bud's high-priced talent be infused into the other R&D activities of the Agency and that we do indeed handle our R&D effort as a single program rather than several fragmented programs run more or less independently.)

2. I saw a ten-minute film prepared by the Office of Computer Services. It is self-serving but fairly good, and it might be appropriate to show it at a morning meeting.

3. I discussed two items with the Director.

a. He requested that a memorandum be prepared for either DCI or DDCI signature, to be read by all personnel, which would put assunder recent press reports alleging strained relationships between the Agency and the FBI.

b. The Director asked me to arrange a brief for him sometime soon on the "Watch List." This is a Clandestine Services activity, and I arranged with Des FitzGerald for Jim Angleton and [ ] to brief the Director at 1430 hours on Friday, 29 October. 25X1

4. I talked to Larry Houston about a draft memorandum which Dick Helms handed to me concerning the [ ]. This developed out of Larry's feelings that we are kidding ourselves by pay-

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we should probably transfer this obligation to [ ] He will submit a paper on this within the next few days.

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5. I discussed several items with Dick Helms.

a. In approving a request to purchase a house in [ ] Dick said that he felt we had more than enough money to satisfy all of our needs in FY 1966. Therefore, he asked me to take a careful look at any capital improvements we might need to make such as the purchase of additional houses, the improvement of training installations, etc., and to take care of them during FY 1966 since the going may not be so good in FY 1967.

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b. In discussing with Dick the recent memorandum which we received from General Earle Wheeler, Chairman of the JCS, about the need for a greater intelligence collection effort in North Vietnam, Dick asked me to ensure that the reply is a good one and well documented with all of the best available facts.

c. I passed along to Dick the suggestion by [ ] that the Agency might make some money by briefing the 303 Committee on some of our contingency planning for Indonesia. Dick said that he and the Director were lunching with Secretaries McNamara and Vance next week and he would use this occasion to brief them.

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6. I delivered to Dick Helms a note commenting on DD/P's proposal to amend our manpower control regulation. I elaborated on this and told Dick that I thought he would be making a great mistake not to hold the line and go ahead with the central control which he had already approved. He inquired as to what I thought of [ ]'s memorandum on planning. I told him that I thought it was a very poor memorandum and that I regretted that I had not been successful in getting across to Tom Karamessines and [ ] the wisdom of our new program which is designed to take advantage of the "Long-range Plan" and at the same time implement the President's Planning-Programming-Budgeting System. I also said that life was a little difficult in trying to implement these policies after he had approved them if the Clandestine Service continued to be successful in appealing to him personally for a reconsideration each

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time a decision was made which they did not like. Dick asked me to assemble the personnel who had participated in preparation of the "Long-range Plan" and to explain to them the rationale of the decisions we have made. ~~He~~ was emphatic that after this had been done he ~~should~~ insist that everyone concerned get on board and put their shoulders to the wheel or move aside so that the program can go forward.

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